

CHARTER

ISSUED BY THE GOOD GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

to

Charleston Branch No. 1

Pursuant to the by-laws of the Good Government Association, this charter is issued to Charleston Branch No. 1 of the Association, of which _____ is President, _____ is Vice-President, and _____ is Secretary-Treasurer which Branch shall have the right to use the name of the Association and to do all proper things consistent with the purposes of the Association, all in accordance with said by-laws.

Issued this _____ day of _____, 1942.

President.

Officers

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Executive Committee from the members of such Committee. The duties of the officers shall be those usually devolving upon such officers.

Executive Committee

The governing body of this Association shall be an Executive Committee of not less than five members. The members of the Committee shall serve for such period or periods of time as the Committee shall determine. Elections of members of the Committee shall be held at such times and in such manner as may be determined by the Committee.

Branches or Local Groups

The Executive Committee may issue to local clubs or groups charters for branches of this Association, and may withdraw or cancel such charters when such action will in the discretion of the Committee best serve the interests of the Association. Such branches shall be governed by the purposes of the Association and the provisions of these by-laws where the same are applicable. They shall have officers and executive committees corresponding to those of the Association. Each branch shall admit persons to membership in the Association with the consent of the Executive Committee of such branch, and shall monthly report to the Secretary of the Association all persons, together with their addresses, who have been admitted to membership.

Fees and Dues

The membership fee collected by the Association or any branch thereof shall not be less than \$1.00 per annum. Dues collected by a branch may be retained by it.

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by the Executive Committee in such manner as such Committee may determine.

West Virginia Good Government Association is a non-partisan organization devoted to the cause of representative government and an informed and intelligent electorate. Its purpose is declared in its by-laws to be the accomplishment of the objects stated in the following pledge:

"BELIEVING that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty; that democracy can survive only in the event that the whole people take an active interest in their political affairs; that in the course of time people get no better government than they deserve; that political service may be as patriotic and as necessary as military service; that government by small minorities is contrary to the principles upon which our government is founded; that there should be elected to public office only people of character and ability who are devoted to the preservation of democracy; that these ends may be accomplished only by an aroused public interest and the participation in politics by all of the people --

"WE PLEDGE OURSELVES to keep informed about governmental affairs, to vote at all elections, to vote in the manner dictated by our conscience, and to urge others to do likewise."

The Association is composed of a central or State executive committee and local branches or clubs in cities, towns and communities to which charters are issued under the

by-laws. Membership shall be open to all citizens of West Virginia who in good faith desire to become members and who are accepted by the branches.

Branches fix the amount of dues to be paid by their members (but not less than \$1.00 a year) and retain all of such dues for the use of the branch.

Branches carry on their own affairs in furtherance of the purposes of the Association and engage in such activities as may properly encourage an informed electorate and promote good government.

Groups of ten or more citizens may elect officers and apply for charters, upon blanks provided for the purpose by the Association.

The Association invites the support of all persons who are sincerely interested in its purposes.